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Dear Congressman Holden:

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will

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Mr. James Quellow
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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Mr. Philip L. Santoro
R.D.#2, Box 2640
Reading, PA 19605

Dear Mr. Quellow:

I am contacting you at the request of the above named constituent regarding his questions in reference to a newly proposed provision, PR Docket 92-235.

Enclosed please find a letter from Mr. Santoro that explains his concerns in greater detail. Any assistance you can give me in responding to my constituent would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

TIM HOLDEN
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

01 February 1993

Senator Michael A. O'Pake
United States Senate
Washington D.C.

Dear Senator O'Pake:

I am a police executive and as such I enjoy a stressful workplace environment, as a diversion I spend many hours constructing and operating radio controlled model aircraft. It is for this reason that I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission, that being **PR Docket 92-235**. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned to radio controlled model aircraft use and also greatly increase the risk of accidents and the inherent liability for my hobby.

We have shared the 72 to 76 Megahertz band with commercial land mobile dispatch operations with no interference occurring from one party to the other due to our frequencies being far enough apart to allow the necessary separation for safe operation. Now the F.C.C. wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting frequencies into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan thereby moving the land mobile frequencies dangerously close to the radio control frequencies with the inherent propensity for interference and the possibility of accidents.

When building and operating our model aircraft we employ every safety procedure and mechanism at our disposal, such as "glitch filters" in our receiver wiring avoidance of metal against metal parts, etc. when building and impound of radios at the flying site to ensure that no one with a radio on your frequency causes interference while you are flying. This is done to protect our investment and above all the safety of other flyers and spectators. It must be noted that in excess of \$1,000.00 can be expended on one large model aircraft and that aircraft can have a wingspan of 10 to 12 feet and weigh upwards of 30 pounds with a 4½ horsepower engine pulling it through the air at 80 to 100 miles per hour. You can imagine what the consequence might be if the operator of such a model was flying for demonstration purposes and lost control of the plane into the spectators due to radio interference from a passing two way radio mobile unit (if this **PR Docket 92-235** is adopted).

Countless thousands of dollars of hobby flyers radio equipment will become instantly unusable should the F.C.C. be allowed to create more frequencies in the 72MHz to 76MHz band.

I feel that it is both unwise and unfair of the F.C.C. to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio communications at the expense of radio control flyers. It must be noted that radio controlled flight provides valuable contributions to the commercial aviation industry in the area of research and development as well as enjoyment and recreation to its participants.

In closing, I ask you to please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by **NOT ALLOWING** the F.C.C. to carry out its proposal for the 72 to 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,